



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 2013

Hartford Regional Market Conference Room

101 Reserve Road, Hartford, CT 06114

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Sullivan, working group chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. Other working group members present were:

Kristin Banick (via conference call)
Richard Fu
Leah Mayor
Jeff Ward
Gregory Weidemann
Joe Wettemann

Working group members Lisa Milke and Russell Holmberg were absent.

Commissioner Reviczky and Linda Piotrowicz were also in attendance. One guest was present, Patrick Sullivan.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Working group members introduced themselves and provided information about their areas of expertise.

III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Kevin Sullivan provided an overview of the council's work since it convened in January 2012.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF WORKING GROUP ASSIGNMENT

Kevin Sullivan introduced the assignment that the research working group will be undertaking in 2013, to assess Connecticut's existing agricultural research infrastructure and develop suggestions for improvement.

V. DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT DELIVERABLES

The group engaged in an in-depth discussion about its assignment and came to consensus on the following:

1. An inventory of the current research relating to the art, science, and economic aspects of agriculture needs to be compiled.
2. This will be done by dividing the members into two groups: 'supply' and 'demand'
 - a. Supply will inventory the research entities currently existing;
 - b. Demand will inventory the research that's currently taking place for the various agricultural disciplines.
3. A detailed review of the industry stakeholder interviews, transcripts from the deep-dive meetings conducted in 2012, and the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development (GCAD) annual report will be done by all the members to identify the research needs of the industry.
4. The information identified in 2 and 3 will be compiled and presented at the August 20, 2013 GCAD meeting.

VI. DETERMINATION OF RESOURCES REQUIRED

The group discussed the resources required by each component of the draft deliverables and

determined the stakeholder interviews, transcripts from the deep-dive meetings, GCAD first annual report will provide extensive information. Additional resources will be identified in the respective 'supply' and 'demand' sub-groups when they meet.

VII. RECAP AND NEXT STEPS

Kevin Sullivan recapped the highlights of the discussion and the next steps, which include all members reviewing past GCAD work by June 24, 2013; between June 24 and July 10, the infrastructure and inventory will be determined through the 'supply' and 'demand' sub-groups; the week of July 20, 2013 the working group will meet to review and finalize the materials to be presented by Kevin Sullivan at the August 20 GCAD meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Kevin Sullivan adjourned meeting at 3:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jaime L. Smith
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